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Find out why many citizens are now ineligible for Gruha Jyothi scheme

K'taka pollution board was asked to make monitoring panel to ensure remediation plans at contaminated sites – that was months ago, as of now board is scrambling to 'collect samples'

STATE OF CONTAMINATION

Staff shortage not good enough excuse for delay, experts suggest

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The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) is taking its own sweet time to take necessary measures for remediation of contaminated sites in Bengaluru and across the state. According to directions given by the Central Pollution Control Board in December 2022, KSPCB was to constitute a State-Level Empowered Monitoring Committee (SLEMC) for this task.

The committee, with representation from the Department of Environment, industries, KSPCB, State Groundwater Authority, and relevant experts, would ensure effective implementation of remediation plans at the 25 'probable contaminated' and 'contaminated' sites identified by the central pollution watchdog over two years ago.

While KSPCB was to inform

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"Samples from each site have to be collected by KSPCB and given for analysis by a third party. The result of the analysis will indicate if the sites are contaminated. The committee will then be constituted to supervise the remediation work —KSPCB official

Send some feeders our way too

Kanakapura Road residents look on in anticipation as few feeder buses made available for select areas

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As a few feeder buses were made available to the residents of Whitefield and of HSR Layout, residents from other parts of Bengaluru too have expressed interest in getting benefit of the services. Residents of Kanakapura Road acknowledged the efforts of BMTC and DULT for bringing the service to these areas, but wonder why their long-pending demand of getting metro feeder services has not yet been met.

In an online survey carried out by residents of Kanakapura with over 232 respondents, 99.2% stated that they would prefer taking the BMTC bus for first and last mile connectivity.

According to the residents, currently the BMTC bus 212 C route which plies from KR market to Nagegowdanapalya is not serving a majority of the residents. "The 212 C is moving via the Silk Board road and taking the forest route and thereafter reaching

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Tabla fantasy

Attend a live tabla session by the renowned artist Nikhil Paralikar, aka The Tabla Guy. Immerse yourself in the beats as they let you delve into a world of rhythmic bliss. Don't miss out on this soulful performance this weekend.
Where: High Ultra Lounge, World Trade Centre
When: Today; 8 pm onwards; contact: 9686843311

02 Experts here

Adi Ashtakam, Bharatanatyam presentation based on 8 stanza compositions of the venerated Adi Shankaracharya Bhagavatpada will be performed by some of the talented artists in the city. These artists are Keerthana Ravi, Mithun Shyam, Vaidehi Rele Lal, Arundhati Patawardhan, Anand Sachidanandan, and Prachi Save Saathi.
Where: ADA Rangamandira, JC Road
When: August 6; 10 am

03 Folk tales

Grab the chance to attend a puppet play that is for anyone over the age of 10. The play is based on a German folk tale and narrates the story of a young trickster, Tila, who thinks he is a grain of til (sesame). It employs magical realism and reveals a humorous side of his life. The play is directed by Michael Vogel. **Where: Ranga Shankara, 36/2, 8th Cross Road, RK Colony, 2nd Phase, JP Nagar;**
When: August 8, 9 and 10; 7:30 pm

Family planning: Govt plans newer approaches

Dept to run pilot project for new contraceptive methods pilot in 4 districts; methods include subdermal single-rod implants, subcutaneous injectables

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The Department of Health and Family Welfare (HFW) is coming forward with the implementation of newer contraceptive methods under the National Family Planning Programme, which can also help reduce the number of unintended pregnancies and provide access to family planning services. In Karnataka, four districts—Bengaluru, Mysuru, Yadgir, and Bidar—are chosen for the pilot to be carried out for the effective implementation of the project.

A team of officials from the World Health Organisation (WHO) serving as technical partners, Commissioner Health and Family Welfare, Randeep D, along with officials from the National Health Mission, GoK, and other health department officials, came forward and discussed the effective implementation of contraceptive methods.

The new contraceptives are said to empower women and give them more control over their reproductive health. In addition, the newer contraceptives will increase the choice for women to maintain the spacing between births, which in turn will help reduce the infant mortality rate (IMR) and maternal mortality rate (MMR).

The two methods are subdermal single-rod contraceptive implants and subcutaneous injectables. The subdermal single rod contraceptive implant is a long-acting reversible contraceptive inserted under the skin of the upper arm that will be effective for three years. The subcutaneous injectable contraceptive has a subcutaneous way of administration. One dose will be given, which will be effective for three months. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) introduced the new contraceptive methods, and 10 states in the country have been chosen to implement this method, which include Assam, Bihar, Delhi, Gujarat, Karnataka, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal.

The new contraceptives are said to empower women and give them more control over their reproductive health

> **"Since the subdermal single rod contraceptive implant is new, many would be hesitant. But it is a simple method**
> – Dr Chandrika BR, Deputy Director of Family Planning

Speaking about the action plan ahead, Dr Chandrika BR, Deputy Director of Family Planning, said, "For the sub-dermal single-road contraceptive method to be carried out, Bengaluru and Bidar are the districts that are chosen. In Bengaluru, the pilot will be carried out at KC General Hospital and Vani Vilas Hospital. While in Bidar, there is the Bidar government hospital and Bidar Medical College. While for the subcutaneous injection, we have planned a vertical line of facilities where the contraceptive method will be carried out."

Dr Chandrika added that in Mysuru and Yadgir, the subcutaneous injection will be given at each selected district hospital, taluk hospital, one medical college, one CHC, and one PHC. In Mysuru, five facilities have been chosen, and in Yadgir, seven facilities have been chosen.

Since the implant method is a newer contraceptive, gynaecologists will be in charge of administering the implants. Training and orientation programmes are being conducted for the gynaecologists in Bidar and Bengaluru.

Currently, 10,000 implants are made available by the Government of India for the two centres in Bengaluru and Bidar, and 20,000 subcutaneous injections for the above contraceptive method will be received in the coming week. Dr Chandrika explained, "Since the subdermal single rod contraceptive implant method is new, many would be hesitant. But it is a simple, five-minute procedure, and there are minimal side effects. Similarly, in subcutaneous injections, there are hardly any side effects."

Demand: Social security must for tax practitioners

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There are around 38,000 tax practitioners in the state, facilitating individuals, small businesses, and micro-industries filing Income Tax Returns (ITRs) at taluks and districts. These tax practitioners, most of them B Com graduates, have been playing a key role in enabling business establishments and individuals to file the ITR on time, thus increasing revenue for the government. However, they feel that they have no social security.

"We have been demanding the state government provide social security on par with advocates. The majority of the tax practitioners in the state have worked day and night to submit ITRs for small and micro companies and individuals during the covid pandemic, but the government has not done anything for our welfare," said Karnataka State Tax Practitioners' Association (KSTPA) president S Nanjunda Prasad.

He added that the KSTPA is celebrating its golden jubilee this year. "We have requested the government allocate land for constructing training institutes for the benefit of prospective tax practitioners as well as practising tax practitioners at taluks and districts across the state, but the government is yet to take a

decision on our demand. We are planning to visit government and private degree colleges to encourage B Com graduates to become tax practitioners and also organise awareness programmes at colleges for the benefit of B Com students," he explained.

The KSTPA is celebrating the Golden Jubilee on August 4, 5, and 6 at Palace Grounds, Bengaluru, hosting a national tax conference and Tax Practitioners' Day. The celebrations and conference will be inaugurated by the Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, while the guests of honour will be Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs Prahlad Joshi and former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai. To commemorate the day, KSTPA is starting the 'Karnataka Women's Wing', which will be inaugurated by Sandalwood actress Shwetha Srivatsav. Shikha, Commissioner, Commercial Taxes (Karnataka), will be the guest of honour. "The conference will have six technical sessions. The Supreme Court and High Court advocates will address the technical sessions," said Conference Chairman DM Bhattad.

Glass is half dirty?

Parliament reply reveals stretches of Cauvery River that many B'lurueans depend on for drinking water are highly polluted

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A grey-headed Swamphen pecks at discarded marigold flowers floating in the Cauvery in Srirangapatna

Bengaluru residents relying on Cauvery River for drinking water may have reason for concern about its safety. The latest data released by the Centre has revealed alarming levels of pollution in certain sections of the river, particularly near Srirangapatna, downstream of the Krishna Raja Sagar dam.

The Minister for Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav, disclosed that the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has been closely monitoring water quality across various aquatic resources as part of the National Water Quality Monitoring Programme (NWMP). A staggering 4,484 locations in 28 states and seven Union Territories, including 2,108 locations along rivers, are being monitored in collaboration with State Pollution Control Boards and Pollution Control Committees, with Cauvery River among the focus areas.

The CPCB specifically tracks 62 locations along the River Cauvery on a monthly basis, including 33 locations in Karnataka and 28 locations in Tamil Nadu. Additionally, one location at the interstate point of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu (Ajibore) is monitored quarterly by the CPCB.

In a reply in the Parliament, the minister said, "The River Cauvery not only serves as a significant source of drinking water for Bengaluru but is also a vital water resource for major industrialised cities and towns, including Bengaluru and Mettur, Pallipalayam, and Komarapalayam in Tamil Nadu. Unfortunately, the riverbanks host various industrial establishments, such as chemical, dyeing, leather/tanneries, pulp & paper, sugar mills, printing, and bleaching industries, contributing to the pollution burden. The report from the year 2022 identifies two severely polluted river stretches on the Cauvery River, one in Karnataka and the other in Tamil Nadu, based on the analysis of water quality data using Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) as a criteria for evaluation. In Karnataka, the stretch along Srirangapatna has a maximum BOD of 6.0 with a priority class of five."

Ajit S, an activist, said the revelation of these polluted river stretches calls for urgent action. "Authorities need to act now to safeguard the water quality of Cauvery River and ensure that its waters remain safe for consumption."

No water scarcity

As the monsoon weakens in the Cauvery catchment area, inflows to Krishnaraja Sagar reservoir have also reduced. Presently, the reservoir's storage stands at 113.48 feet, which is below the full reservoir level of 124.80 feet. However, officials assure that despite not being filled to its maximum capacity, there is no immediate water crisis for Bengaluru. The city receives a daily supply of approximately 1,400 MLD of Cauvery water, amounting to a requirement of 1.6 TMC feet of water per month. At the moment, KRS has a storage capacity of 35.15 TMC feet, ensuring an adequate water supply for Bengaluru without any water scarcity concerns for this year.

> **"In Karnataka, the stretch along Srirangapatna has a maximum BOD of 6.0 with a priority class of five**
>
> –Bhupender Yadav, Minister

2 killed as overhead tank collapses

Two people died and another was seriously injured when a water tank collapsed on a food stall near Shivajinagar, police said.

The incident took place on Wednesday night, according to a police official.

The water tank, which was located on top of a four-story building, fell onto the food stall below.

"Two people died and one person was seriously injured in a water tank collapse near Shivajinagar last night. Case registered in Commercial Street police station," said Dr Bheemashankar S Guled, Deputy Commissioner of Police, East division, Bengaluru City.

One person, identified as Arul, died on the spot. The identity of the second person who died is yet to be ascertained. Another individual was seriously injured in the incident.

A case has been registered at the Commercial Street police station in connection with the incident.

The cause of the water tank collapse is currently under investigation.

— ANI

School accused of denying right to education

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Parents of 15 school children allege that a private school in the city is not letting their children enter the school. The parents claim that it is because they had raised their voice against violations by the school, that the school is "mistreating" their children.

Daffodils English School under ICSE & CBSE, located in Sanjay Nagar is accused of stopping around 15 children from entering the school premises, in 'retaliation to the complaint filed about bye-law violations by the school in 2018'. However, the school representatives told BM that it is because of non-payment of fees that the students are being kept out.

"Initially I had filed a complaint with the school pointing out that there are several violations of Karnataka Education Act. When the school denied answers, I approached the Block Education Officer (BEO). Later, my son and daughter were targeted and were also victim of corporal punishment, as I approached the BEO," claimed a parent.

Later, the parent approached Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, where the authority declared that the school had violated certain sections of Right to Education Act and penalised the school. "I went back to my original complaint but my children along with other children whose parents complained to the education department were getting harassed by the school," he added.

Classes for grade 9 and 10 started in February 2023, instead of June and those children have been denied entry into the school for more than five months, the parents claimed.

"KSCPCR has given four orders till now to admit the kids. Education Commissioner Public Instructions has conducted multiple hearings with parents and school management. Still, there is no end to the suffering of children," said a parent.

Sijo Sebastian, the joint secretary of the Voice of Parents Organisation, Karnataka, says that when the BEO office personnel visited the school, they witnessed the children being blocked at the entrance.

When BM approached the school, they stated that on 12-12-2022, the school had sent a written intimation via registered post, informing all these parents that if they do not clear the outstanding fees of five years at the earliest, they should seek admission to their children in some other school of their choice.

> **"Multiple hearings have been arranged with parents and school management. Still, there is no end to the suffering**
>
> –A parent

"We have clearly mentioned that we will not be allowing their children to attend school from 2023-2024 if they fail to pay the pending fees," said the school. They added that, "Of 25 parents who were influenced by other parents and had not paid the school fees for five years in a row for their children, 18 parents have got their issues resolved..."

Church Street's cup of woes is overflowing

Cracks in manhole covers, missing tiles and now overflowing drains

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Church Street, a prominent hub in the city known for its social and commercial activities, is once again in the spotlight. Following cracks in manhole covers and missing tiles in April, the drainage system is now overflowing onto the roads. The unbearable stench is causing problems for pedestrians and vendors, and the slippery roads are leading to accidents for two-wheelers.

Church Street, spanning 712 metres, underwent renovation and was reopened to the public in March 2018 under the TenderSURE project, aimed at enhancing the city's appeal for both citizens and foreigners.

In response to the concerning situation, the AAP party organised protests on Monday. Speaking to Bangalore Mirror, Mohan Dasari, the state president of AAP, expressed frustration over the lack of action. "It's been almost three months, and the sewage from a private building has been flowing onto the road. Around Rs 30 crore have been spent on this small stretch. People have been complaining about two-wheelers skidding and falling due to the slippery surface. When we contacted BBMP, they directed us to BWSSB, and BWSSB claimed it's not a public issue," he explained.

The AAP local team visited the BBMP health inspector and submitted a written complaint to the party's demand.

No action taken despite complaints

"Earlier citizens had given a complaint but no action was taken. We have written a letter asking for the building to be sealed. That is our demand to the BBMP health inspector. Normally BWSSB fixes this issue, but nobody is ready to speak on this issue," he added. He said it's a shame that many people are falling on the street and still no action has been taken.

> **"Around ₹30 crore have been spent on this stretch. People have been complaining about dangers of the slippery surface**
> – Mohan Dasari, AAP leader

Soumya Hosahali, whose office is located just two buildings away from the leaking sewage, expressed her concerns, "First it's a health hazard as it's not clean water but drainage water that's flowing. Yesterday a lot of them fell on the roads due to the slippery water. Asking a client to come to the office is a major issue, as initially it was a parking problem, and now it's sewage. A smart city has to have all the amenities in it, and drainage which is not fixed for months with nobody coming to fix it is a major issue. Where the crores of money spent on the smart city has gone down the drain."

Messy matter: Dirty water is flowing onto the roads from the drains on newly renovated Church Street

No tolerance for illegal tree cutting: FIR filed

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The Deputy Forest Range Officer of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has taken swift action and registered a First Information Report (FIR) against those responsible for the illegal tree cutting at Kammanahalli, Begur Hobli. This action was prompted by a recent report published by Bangalore Mirror on August 2, detailing the "Chop-and-run" incident, which shocked residents as they witnessed the felling of three well-grown lush green trees by unknown individuals.

Residents and environmentalists have expressed their satisfaction and gratitude towards the Forest Department for initiating the necessary action. Pramod Pailoor, a resident who alerted the BBMP Forest Department about the incident, said, "I would like to thank the forest department for the action initiated. I am of the opinion that the public should come forward to stop illegal cutting of trees."

"We are very happy to know about registering the FIR. I want the forest department to identify the offenders and punish them. I want the forest authorities to send a strong message stating that there is no half measure to illegal tree cutting," said Vijay Nishanth.

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Chop-and-run in city as officer looks the other way

BM had reported on August 2 about the hack job. Though residents of the area had informed the authorities about chopping of the trees, the tractor was not stopped

Karnataka Minister seeks Science City in Bengaluru

Karnataka Minister for Minor Irrigation, Science, and Technology, NS Boseraju, appealed to the Central Government on Thursday to establish Vigyan Nagar (Science City) in Bengaluru.

The aim is to further foster scientific temper and promote innovation among the people of the state.

In his request to Union Minister of Tourism, Culture, and Development of the North Eastern Region, G Kishan Reddy, he highlighted Bengaluru's status as a Science and Technology hub, housing institutions like the Indian Institute of Science, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, and Raman Research Institute.

The city is also home to over 400 research and development laboratories and IT-BT Parks. Boseraju mentioned the recent dedication of a Science Gallery to the public and emphasized that a new state-of-the-art Science City would greatly contribute to the region's development in science and technology.

It would be of significant interest to students, technicians, and the general public. During his meeting in New Delhi, he handed over a letter to the Union Minister, requesting the sanctioning of a Science City in Bengaluru.

"Majority of the populace of Karnataka is mainly concentrated in Bengaluru (Urban), Bengaluru (Rural) and adjoining district of Ramanagara. Hence, it is imperative to establish Science City in the area for the benefit of the growth of Science and Technology and also useful for academia, technocrats and the public," he said in the letter. **— PTI**

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No parking here

Maruti Layout

Parking of vehicles on the road in 8th Cross, Maruthi Layout, causes significant inconvenience to passersby.

Still waters

Vasanth Nagar

In Ward 93, Vasanth Nagar, Basaveshwara Circle, opposite Samrat, residents are facing a serious problem of rainwater stagnation, which is leading to disease outbreaks.

Scattered mess

Brigade Road

The prime street of the city, Brigade Road, is marred by scattered garbage. It appears that there is no one cleaning it up daily.

‘Follow the money’: KRERA questions borrowed money

Real estate promoters to deposit mortgage amount into designated account

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The Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (KRERA) has issued a notification making it mandatory for real estate promoters, banks, and others to deposit the money borrowed by mortgaging the housing project land into the RERA project designated account. The KRERA directed the real estate promoters to utilise the borrowed amount to develop the same housing project.

According to a notification dated July 19, the KRERA emphasized the submission of Form 4 (Chartered Accountant Certificate) and Form 7 (Audit accounts of the project) by a chartered accountant annually. The notification highlighted that some real estate project promoters were borrowing money from banks and financial institutions by mortgaging the project land and apartments/units of the housing project.

“Further, it is observed in a few instances, that the money borrowed by mortgaging the project land and the units of the project is not utilized for the purpose of the project. It is evident from the details provided by the promoter and the certificates that the total amount realized from the allottees and the total money borrowed by mortgaging the project land is not fully utilized for the purpose of land and construction,” the KRERA stated in the notification.

To protect the interests of promoters, projects, buyers (allottees), and lenders, the KRERA directed promoters to deposit the borrowed amount into the designated account of the project and use or withdraw it only for the respective project’s development.

Many home buyers have welcomed the KRERA notification

The notification also stressed that promoters must bifurcate and allocate the amount to various phases and report it during quarterly updates, along with bank statements or Chartered Accountant Certificates, if borrowing money phase-wise for the registered project.

“The lenders, financial institutions, and bankers shall also ensure to disburse such loans only to the designated RERA account of the project. Such designated RERA account details are published and available on the KRERA website for each registered RERA project,” it stated.

Many home buyers have welcomed the KRERA notification and want it to enforce it for the welfare of home buyers.

“I welcome the KRERA notification. I am not sure whether the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) is following this norm. I want the BDA to have a RERA designated account for the completion of all ongoing developmental works at Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout,” said N Sridhar, Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout Open Forum president.

Appreciating the KRERA for issuing the notification, Devaraju N, president, Krishnappa Garden Residents’ Welfare Association, has said that it will be a great help for home buyers. “The notification issued by the KRERA will benefit home buyers who are worried about the completion of housing projects where they bought flats,” said Devaraju.

> **“I want the BDA to have a RERA designated account for the completion of all ongoing developmental works at Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout**
>
> –N Sridhar, Open Forum President

However, Karnataka Home Buyers Forum Sanchalak Dhananjaya Padmanabhachar said that it is good to see RERA Karnataka is trying to bring in more transparency by ensuring promoters deposit the mortgaged money into designated accounts and promoters should utilize the money for the development of the project.

He said that as per Section 11 (4) (h) of RERA 2016, the promoters after they execute agreements for sale, cannot mortgage the property. “We are assuming the order of RERA is applicable before the promoter signs agreements with home buyers. We are seeing many builders mortgaging the property after they execute agreements for sale. The RERA Authority must clarify this to ensure home buyers interest is protected. The root cause why promoters continue to mortgage the property is because of the reason that the property never gets transferred to the association of allottees as per Section 17 of RERA,” he said.

Parents challenge Kannada language mandate

The High Court of Karnataka has ordered the issuance of notice to the state government regarding a petition challenging the mandatory teaching of Kannada as a language in CBSE/CICSE schools.

Twenty parents of children studying in such schools have filed a petition against the Kannada Language Learning Act 2015, The Kannada Language Learning Rules 2017, and the Karnataka Educational Institutions (Issue of No-Objection Certificate and Control Rules) 2022. These enactments make learning Kannada as a first, second, or third language mandatory for students.

According to the petition, these laws severely affect the right of school children in Karnataka to choose their First, Second, and Third languages. The parents argue that this requirement has serious implications for students’ academic outcomes and future employment opportunities.

Petition claims mandatory teaching of Kannada affects right of school children to choose their language

The petition was filed by Somashekar C, Srinivas Gaonkar, Geraldine Perpetua Andrews, Aneesha Hussain, and 16 other parents, all from Bengaluru.

The State of Karnataka, Union of India, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), and Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CICSE) are the respondents in the petition, which was heard by a division bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B Varale and Justice MGS Kamal, who ordered the issuance of notices. **–PTI**

Smart solutions for Bengaluru’s waste woes

Public suggestions for Bengaluru’s solid waste management problem have highlighted the importance of scientific disposal, viewing dry waste as a resource and means of livelihood, and achieving 100% segregation.

These recommendations were made in response to the state government’s Brand Bengaluru initiative launched on June 21, which invited feedback from stakeholders and residents on the city’s challenges.

Over 10,000 responses were registered under the ‘Solid Waste Management – Clean Bengaluru’ category, with 28% of respondents prioritising waste segregation at homes and hotels. Another 22% focused on organising waste collection, transport, and processing, while 15% suggested using dry waste as a resource and livelihood opportunity. Many also emphasized the need for awareness and education programs for children.

Robust incentives to boost participation in waste management

Based on the feedback received, a stakeholder meeting proposed seven strategies for a cleaner Bengaluru. These include updating ward micro plans, increasing decentralised processing capacity, ensuring bulk generators manage their waste, improving the welfare of Pourakarmikas and integrating informal workers, promoting awareness and behaviour change, incorporating technology for planning and monitoring, and implementing new financial mechanisms to create value from waste.

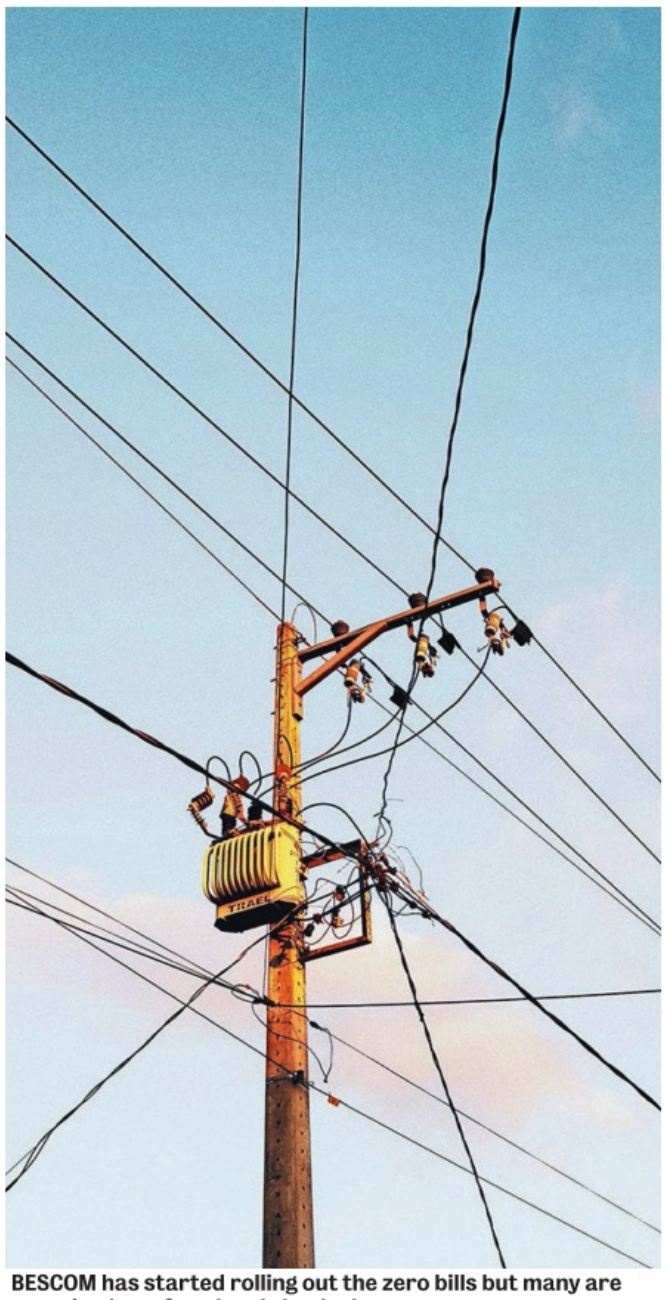
According to BBMP officials, while solid waste segregation is being followed to some extent, public cooperation can take it up to 100%.

“Behavioural change is the main issue we face when it comes to implementing waste segregation. Although Bengaluru is much ahead of other cities in India, we are working towards achieving 100% segregation,” said a senior official from the Solid Waste Management department of BBMP.

The Bangalore Apartments’ Federation (BAF), another stakeholder, suggested a robust incentive to boost citizen participation in waste management. BAF highlighted the need for clearer guidelines on managing waste from various activities. They stressed the importance of an integrated multi-stream waste management strategy **–BMB**

How past has caught up with BESCOM consumers

Many ineligible for Gruha Jyothi scheme due to previous consumption



BESCOM has started rolling out the zero bills but many are surprised, confused and shocked

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The age-old adage "past haunts the present" now perfectly fits many electricity consumers in the City. In fact, one of the conditions for the Gruha Jyothi scheme was that the beneficiaries who consume less than 200 units will be eligible for the scheme. So, a section of consumers who were consuming more units earlier tried to reduce their usage so that they could be eligible for the scheme. However, now as the scheme has been finally rolled out, here comes the shocker. Many residents are now ineligible for the scheme because they had consumed more power in the previous fiscal and the current reduction doesn't make them qualify for Gruha Jyothi.

BESCOM Managing Director Mahantesh Bilagi said, "I want to clarify that we are calculating the average per month based on the electricity consumption in the last financial year. So, if the consumers in June, July, or August are using electricity 100, 120, 150, or 180 units, will be ineligible if they have previously used 200 units per month." So, now the big question is when will these consumers be eligible? Bilagi said, "This will depend on the government's decision as to what they will take in the future considering their consumption will be less than 200 units for the next year."

Meanwhile, as BESCOM has started rolling out the zero bills, many are taken by surprise as they need to cough up more. A consumer said, "As I received a fresh bill, my entitlement was 90 units and I had consumed 93 units, for which I have been charged Rs 250 this month. Plus, there was a backlog of Re 1 from the previous bill for which I have been charged an interest rate of Rs 3.75. I don't know how the calculation is being done." Shiva Prasad, another consumer, said, "I have an entitlement of 146 units and my consumption has gone up by four units this time for which I need to be charged. So, this time I have been asked to cough up Rs 242."

> **"I want to clarify that we are calculating the average per month based on electricity consumption in the last financial year**
>
> –BESCOM MD Mahantesh Bilagi

BESCOM officials said that they have worked out various scenarios as to how the bills will be calculated. In case the consumption is less than entitlement units (EU) or equal to EU, then in such cases, the zero bill is generated, and they need not pay any amount. In the case of a new connection, then the EU is fixed as 58 units, the subsidy is to be given for 58 units, and the remaining units will be chargeable. If the door is locked and the meter reader is unable to take up the meter reading, then average consumption is considered monthly consumption. If the house is vacant, then in such cases, zero bills will be prepared provided the owner has applied and is eligible for the scheme. In the case of the meter not working properly, then the meter's average consumption is considered as monthly consumption, and subsidy will be given as per EU, and the remaining will be chargeable. In the case of scenarios like the meter burnt out, then the meter burnt-out consumption is considered as monthly consumption, subsidy to be given as per EU, and the excess will be chargeable.

Declog B'luru mission is on

The State government is knocking on the doors of the Centre to take measures to decongest Bengaluru. Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Wednesday said, "I have taken up the issue of decongesting Bengaluru with Nitin Gadkari on Wednesday. He responded positively and asked us to prepare a detailed project report. Already, BBMP and BDA have called for an expression of interest on July 14, with the last date being August 8. Four national highways pass through Bengaluru, causing traffic congestion in the city." Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who also visited Gadkari, urged him to take measures to avoid accidents on the Bengaluru-Mysuru highway. —BMB

KMF to talk with TTD

The Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) recently made a decision not to participate in the tender process to supply Nandini ghee to Tirupati laddu, resulting in controversy. Now, the KMF has now stepped forward and reached out to the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) with a request for negotiations. Their goal is to restart supplying the much-appreciated ghee.

In a formal letter addressed to TTD, the KMF's Managing Director clarified the situation, stating that media coverage of the non-supply of Ghee to TTD from KMF has taken on a political twist. He highlighted that KMF's relationship with TTD remains positive and wanted to emphasize a few crucial points.

Parking restrictions

Traffic Police have introduced parking restrictions for Lalbagh flower show to be held from August 4 to 15. Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) MN Anucheth said, "For those planning to attend the flower show, alternative parking spaces have been designated. Dr. Marigowda Road will offer parking facilities for two-wheelers at Al-Ameen College premises, while KH Road will provide space for both two-wheelers and four-wheelers at Shanti Nagar BMTC Multi-Storied Parking Lot."

Parking will be strictly prohibited at Dr. Marigowda Road, he said.

Perilous path for two-wheeler riders, pedestrians

BWSSB's shoddy patchwork leaves commuters at risk on Mission Road

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Mission Road, located adjacent to Langford Road, has become a perilous terrain for two-wheeler riders and pedestrians. The inconvenience was caused, as last month, during heavy rains, the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) dug up a hole for pipeline work but failed to patch it up adequately.

Due to shoddy patch-up work, the road is covered by jelly stones to cover the open hole and the surrounding region. With a busy bus stop located right beside the rough patch, pedestrians and two-wheelers on the road face dust filling the air. The poorly repaired road has become a nightmare for commuters and pedestrians.

Shivaprasad, a local resident, said, "The water was coming out of the drainage hole and people complained about it. BWSSB did patchy work by putting jelly stones. Despite several complaints, nobody has fixed it. When the buses cross, the dust enters the eyes of riders of two-wheelers and this can cause serious accidents."

With a bus stop beside, dust is also a significant concern for pedestrians. Gururaj, whose office is located in Shanti Nagar said that the issue started a month ago. "When there were heavy rains, the corporation used to dig up and fill the area with jelly stones. Eventually, the dust emanates each time a bus crosses and makes it unbearable. If the tyre hits the edge of the sharp stone, the chances of it hitting the pedestrian is high," said Gururaj.

> **Road is littered with jelly stones, which makes it an accident-prone patch as vehicles can skid on it**

Santosh, a two-wheeler rider, told Bangalore Mirror, "When I was here15 days back, water accumulated on the jelly stone road due to a bus stoppage. There is a high probability of skidding and falling on this unsafe stretch. The only time officials take action after someone suffers a severe injury due to a fall."

Scattered jelly stones on Mission Road

 # Golden Eye
German star Diane Kruger will be felicitated with the Golden Eye award at the Zurich Film Festival

TONGUE TWISTER

Alia on doing an entire film in English

Actor Alia Bhatt has now finally made her transition from Bollywood to Hollywood with her new spy-thriller-action film 'Heart of Stone', where she stars alongside popular Israeli actress Gal Gadot.

Speaking about her transition, Alia said that suddenly doing a movie in full English language was a bit weird for her, but overall it was a great experience for her.

In an interview with the Toronto Sun, Alia was asked about her transition where she said: "You know it was a bit awkward for me speaking in English all time, because I'm so used to speaking in Hindi even though I use English half the time, suddenly acting in English was a bit weird."

"But apart from that, day one... kind of awkwardness, I really really felt that it was the same. The process of a film set world over is exactly the same," she added.

Talking about filming the action, Gal Gadot, who plays the role of Rachel Stone, said: "It took months of prep time, different workouts and training. But we all knew what was gonna be the case. You know it is such an intense action packed film that we knew we were going to have to be as prepped as possible (sic)."

Gadot, who serves as producer, said that she really wanted to make this film.

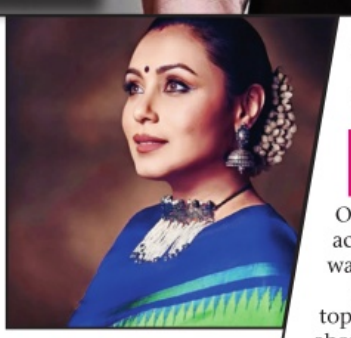
"After the success of 'Wonder Woman', I realised that there was a lot more space for female led movies in the action genre and we just went for it. We realised that there was an audience for these types of movies, and as long as you create a story which has all the elements with a good balance, then it has the potential to be a success," she said.

Talking about entering the spy-genre given its popularity, Gadot said: "I think, first of all, I'm a big fan of this genre, 'Bond', 'Mission Impossible', 'Bourne Identity', 'Die Hard', all these films. I love them." "I love the suspense, the twists and turns, the drama, the scope, everything. I love getting into a movie and going through a journey..." she added.

When asked what goes into playing a good villain, Alia, who plays the antagonist in the film Keya Dhawan, said: "Belief..in your purpose. Because I think there are two sides to a story right and sometimes you are on the right side, sometimes you are on the wrong side or sometimes you are just on opposite sides. So as long as you deeply believe that your side is truly the right one, you know the other side is the villain, you are not the villain."

As AI plays a key role in the movie, both the actresses were asked about their thoughts on AI, to which Alia said: "I think anything in excess is not really great, and I definitely feel that there are a lot of benefits of technology." —IANS

Mentor's masterclass



Bollywood star Rani Mukerji will be delivering a masterclass detailing her career and life as an actor at the upcoming Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM).

The special event will take place on August 10, a day ahead of the 14th edition of the film festival. Mukerji will talk about some of her iconic roles and films, and share insights into her craft and experiences as an actor, a press release stated.

"I'm honoured to have been invited to the 14th Indian Film Festival of Melbourne. As an actor, I have been fortunate enough to receive incredible love from people in Australia and I'm looking forward to sharing my journey in Indian cinema through a masterclass that I have been invited to conduct," the 45-year-old actor said in a statement.

"It will be a beautiful experience to connect with my fans and cinephiles during this event," she said. —PTI

Lowest point

Having been in the Hindi film industry for 11 years, Sunny Leone opened up about the crest and trough of her career. Of course, films not doing well hit hard but the actress said that the infamous interview in 2016 was the lowest point for her.

In 2016, Sunny's interview became a hot topic after a journalist repeatedly raised questions about her past. Many termed the questions as misogynistic, sexist and highly offensive.

"I think the low points were definitely that one interview that I did that did not go so well and it was the whole journey of that entire experience that made it a low. When a film doesn't do well it doesn't feel great, some highs will be Laila and Babydoll. Some films I did were pretty amazing and Kennedy is the most awaited thing that has happened in my entire career," Sunny told IANS.

From Karenjit to becoming the star Sunny Leone is today, the journey was not without struggles. Said the mother of three: "There has been a fair amount of struggles and literally had to fight situations. I basically had to claw my way through so many different situations and fight." — IANS

Generous boss

With the success of Taylor Swift's Eras Tour that has taken the singer all across the US, she has tasted incredible success – and profits that will touch the magical figure of US 1 billion dollars by the end of the tour, according to Pollstar, a trade publication. Of that amount, the generous singer is giving away bonuses totaling up to US 55 million dollars to her team that covers everyone associated with the tour – her managers, dancers, caterers, riggers and everyone else who has been travelling with her. Each of the truckers who have been moving the equipment along across the country have already received USD 100,000 each.

The singer has done 131 shows all over. —ETimes

SANDALWOOD SHOTS
Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Shot on a phone

Meet Ravi Subba Rao who is excited about the release of his long-pending movie Ee Pattanakke Yenagide. The movie is scheduled for release at more than 60 screens across the state on Friday. Ravi claims the entire movie was shot using an iPhone and the total budget of the movie is Rs 80 lakh.

"I wanted to helm this movie in a non-traditional method. I am impressed by Bollywood director Shekhar Kapur, Tollywood director Ram Gopal Varma and Kannada director Upendra who are known for different conceptions and helming movies in non-conventional methods. I wanted to present the movie to the audience in a raw form and it caused a lot of problems while availing a certificate from the Central Board of Film Certification for this movie," said Ravi Subba Rao.

Rao, who was born and brought up in Bengaluru, passed PU with great difficulty but could not complete B.Sc as he was compelled to select science instead of fine arts. "The movie conveys a message on the ill-effects of betting," he said.

Too busy

Archana Kottige has been busy with many films. Archana, born and brought up in Bengaluru, debuted in Sandalwood with the movie Aranyakanda in 2018 and her latest movie Hostel Hudugara Bekaagiddaare has become a huge success. Archana has also acted in Kannada movies such as Vasu Naan Pakka Commercial, Made in Bengaluru, Dear Sathya, Cutting Shop, Hondisi Bariyeri, and Vijayanand.

The USP of Archana is her humility. The actress is known to meet the directors' expectations in all her films. She has been accepting whatever opportunity comes in her way.

Though Archana has been acting in movies, Hostel Hudugaru Bekaagiddaare has earned her name and fame.

Archana's other movies (Kannada and Tamil) are lined up for release shortly. Her movies lined up for release include Bayaluseeme, Ellara Kaalelayuttade Kaala, Jugalbandi. It is said that she plays a college student in Bayaluseeme that is scheduled for release shortly. She is paired opposite pop singer and music composer Chandan Shetty in the movie Ellara Kaalelayuttade Kaala. She plays a village rowdy in the movie while playing a negative role in the movie Jugalbandi.

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Route cause of connectivity issue

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Nagegowdanapalya. When it takes the forest route, it does not serve any purpose to the residents as there are no apartment complexes in the nearby areas. We see the bus going empty many times. We had met the BMTC officials a few months ago and asked for a change in the bus pick up point from Silk Institute metro station to Nagegowdanapalya. Through this route, when the bus takes a right turn from Coca Cola factory, it can touch multiple apartment complexes, the Central Government Ayurveda Hospital and even Banashankari 6th stage. Many residents can benefit and even people coming from the metro stations can take the bus," said VK Srivatsa, Secretary of Changemakers of Kanakapura Road Association.

The survey even highlighted that over 92.4% of the residents wanted the bus to start from the Silk Institute metro station. According to the members from Changemakers of Kanakapura Road Association, the BMTC officials had agreed with the residents to make the relevant changes, but months have passed by and it's not done.

Another important bus route highlighted was 211 A bus that goes from Mallasandra to Banashankari. Residents said that if the bus route was shifted from Mallasandra to Vajarahalli metro station or towards Thalaghattapura metro station, it would benefit a larger number of residents.

Srivatsa added, "The idea is to have the bus routes running in a way wherein majority of the people are benefitted. If the buses are going to remote areas, it does not serve the purpose and doesn't help last mile connectivity."

Abdul Aleem, another member of the group, explained that most of the BMTC routes are designed for core Bangalore (earlier BMP). "Even 15 years after the addition of the 110 villages, the bus routes of the outer areas are not prioritised. While it has started prioritising some outer areas like Whitefield, it also needs to understand that there is rapid growth in housing sectors in the Outer Bengaluru areas such as Kanakapura Road. Hence, priority and routes also should be provided to our areas."

In July, the association had written to the Yeshwanthpur constituency MLA ST Somashekar highlighting the need of feeder buses in the Kanakapura area. Somashekar thereafter forwarded the request of the citizens to the BMTC officials. However, all of the changes are yet to be effected, residents of the area said.

Curbs on import of laptops, computers

Govt cites security reasons, need to boost domestic manufacturing

#New Delhi

The government on Thursday imposed import restrictions on laptops, tablets, and certain types of computers with immediate effect for security reasons and the need to promote domestic manufacturing.

The move will also curtail inbound shipments of these goods from countries like China and Korea. Importers of these items would now have to seek permission or license from the government for their inbound shipments. A senior government official said that there are a variety of reasons for imposing these restrictions but the primary is "to ensure that the security of our citizens is fully safeguarded".

The official also said that internet penetration is increasing in the country in a bigger way and in this background Indian citizens need to have an environment and ecosystem, where they are not exposed to machines or instruments which might have security risks.

"Some of the hardwares could potentially have security related issues and could compromise sensitive and personal data, we have taken into account few of those goods," he added. he Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) in a notification, however, said certain exemptions have been given against these curbs. "Import of laptops, tablets, all-in-one personal computers, and ultra small form factor computers, servers... is 'restricted' with immediate effect," it said.

The official further said that "safety is the top most priority" of the government and the move is in compliance with the rules of the World Trade Organisation (WTO). Under the transition provisions of the foreign trade policy (FTP), if the bill of lading and letter of credit has been issued or opened before August 3, that import consignments can be imported. An importer can apply for a license from August 4. The trader should have to be a regular importer to get a license.

"The idea is not to ban imports but to regulate the inbound shipments of these goods," the official said. When asked if the move would have an impact on domestic prices, the official said "no". However, industry experts have flagged apprehensions that it could lead to price rise of these instruments. The restrictions are also there on micro computers, large or mainframe computers, and certain data processing machines. Import of all these items would be allowed against a valid license.

It added that there is an exemption from seeking import licensing for up to 20 items per consignment for R&D, testing, benchmarking and evaluation, repair and return, and product development purposes. **PTI**

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No remediation in sight

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CPCB about the constitution of the committee within two weeks of the order being passed. The order was passed on December 21, 2022, and the board has not lifted a finger yet.

"SLEMC has not been constituted yet. The process of constituting the committee will begin only after the sites are declared contaminated. For that, CPCB has directed us to re-evaluate these sites after a preliminary report was submitted by KSPCB last year. Samples from each site have to be collected by KSPCB and given for analysis by a third party. The result of the analysis will indicate if the sites are contaminated. The committee will then be constituted to supervise the remediation work. However, sample collection work will start soon," said a KSPCB official.

CPCB first came up with a list of 280 'contaminated and probable contaminated' sites across the country in December 2020, out of which, 25 were found in Karnataka. Out of these 25 sites, five were found to be in Bengaluru. The aforementioned five contaminated sites are Goripalya near Mysore Road, Mangammanapalya near Hosur Road, Peenya Industrial area, Mavallipura dumpsite near Yelahanka, and Begur Lake. The list of probable contaminated sites includes Lalbagh Lake, Madiwala Lake, Hebbal Lake, Bellandur Lake, Kengeri Tank, Arekere Lake, Agara Lake, and Begur Lake.

The sites encompass production areas, landfills, dumps, waste storage and treatment sites, mine tailings sites, spill sites, chemical waste handlers, and storage sites.

In October last year, the KSPCB communicated to the CPCB about actions taken to revive the 25 sites. The report submitted by KSPCB, however, was considered inadequate by CPCB and the central pollution watchdog directed KSPCB to carry out sampling of soil, groundwater, surface water, and sediments, based on site-wise requirements from at least three to four locations in each site. CPCB also directed the state pollution control board to ascertain the extent and nature of contamination and submit an 'action taken' report to CPCB within two months. While the study was to be completed by January 2023, KSPCB is yet to get started with sample collection for the analysis.

These sites should be remediated soon as harmful chemicals can enter our food chain, expert warns

No staff

Officials claim the process is delayed because the board is short-staffed. As per the most recent performance audit report by CPCB conducted in September 2020, over 50% of scientific and technical posts at KSPCB are lying vacant, and over 60% of the administrative posts were not filled.

However, experts say, being short-staffed cannot be an excuse for poor performance.

"CPCB's directions are binding to KSPCB. The suggestion to formulate a committee sounds apt as it would have helped the board in identifying the problems and coming up with remedial measures. These sites should be remediated soon as harmful chemicals can enter our food chain and cause irreparable damage. Such lapses on the part of a regulatory agency are unfortunate. Being understaffed cannot be an excuse for underperformance," said Dr TV Ramachandra, Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science (IISc).

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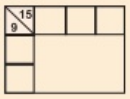
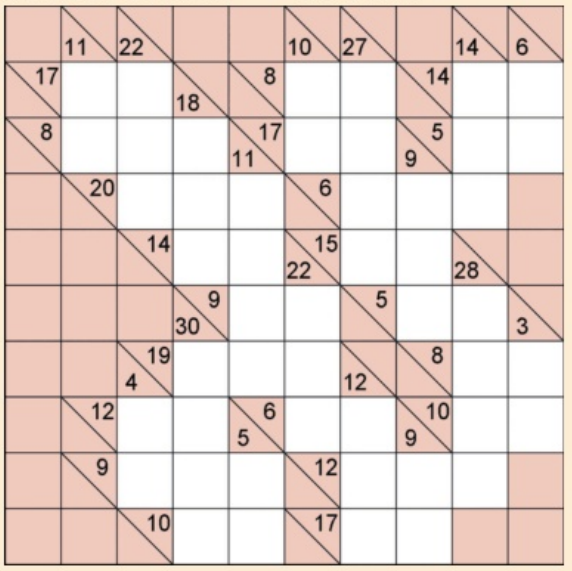


The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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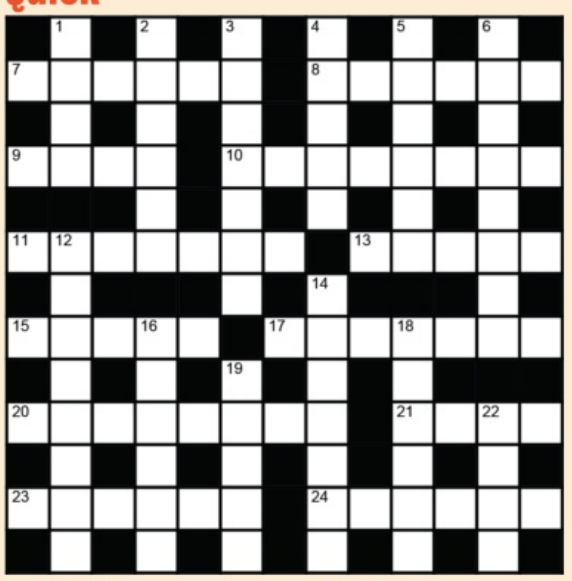


ACROSS

7 Japanese plant growing art (6)
8 Ex-Aussie paceman Lillee (6)
9 Horse's hair (4)
10 Set, became hard and stiff (8)
11 More appetizing (7)
13 Evident (5)
15 Employment (5)
17 Walked haltingly (7)
20 Al fresco bar at the Oberoi (4,4)
21 Split or cleave (4)
23 Peculiar aspect (6)
24 Opinion, belief or sentiment (6)

DOWN

1 Hindu meditation system (4)
2 Express forcefully (6)
3 More close-fitting (7)
4 Like a lot (5)
5 Reveal (6)
6 Birth to death (8)
12 Departs suddenly and secretly (8)
14 Weeping convulsively (7)
16 Singer ___ Estefan (6)
18 From memory without thought of meaning (2,4)
19 Ruses, tricks or gimmicks (5)
22 Old stringed instrument (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: S EQUALS U

GPS RZDFJ YZER VJDR GPS TPER KZZO RP NZDAK.

Linemaro

Love was just a word for me till you came along

Mindchow

Happiness is the meaning and the purpose of life, the whole aim and end of human existence

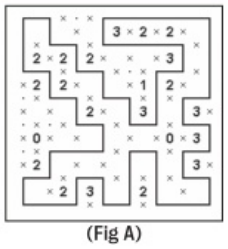
Joke of the day

If life gives you lemons, make lemonade .. and try to find someone whose life has given them vodka and have a party

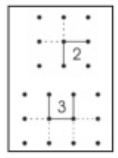
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

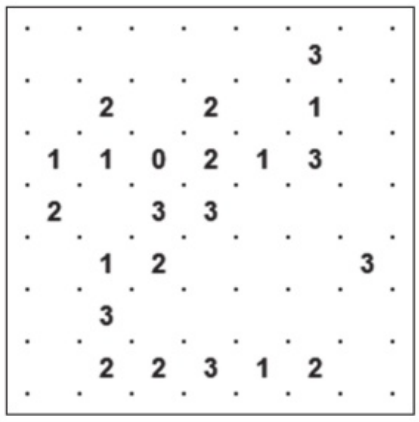


(Fig B) Not Allowed

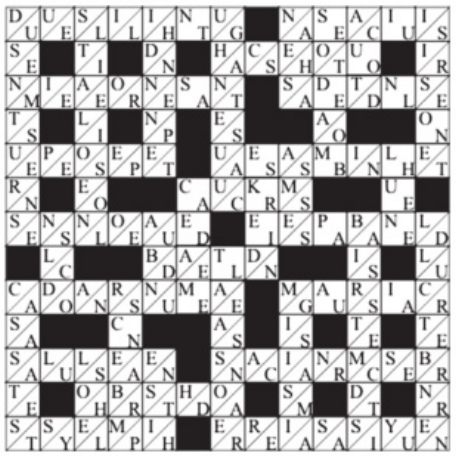
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



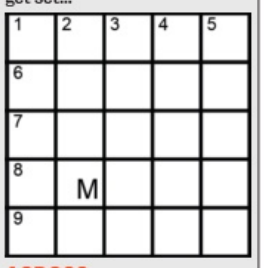
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

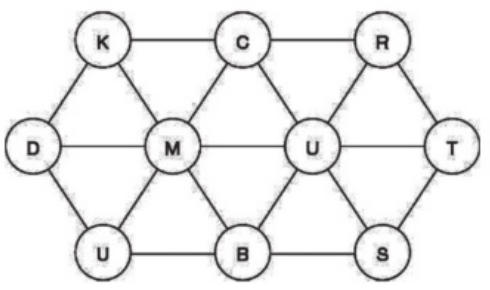
1 Sum my; 6 A tale; 7 Egads; 8 I acme; 9 Smack

DOWN

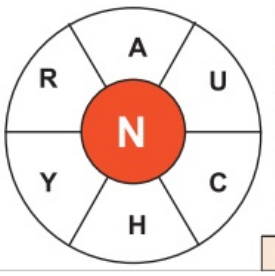
1 Dam am; 2 A mule; 3 Gamic; 4 Tacks; 5 Essey

Mensapuzzle

Find a 10-letter word by moving from circle to circle; you may only use each circle once.



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

03 Average; 04 Good; 05 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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3	9						1	8
		1				2		
6	4						5	7
9			1		6			2
5		8	9		7	4		3
				3				

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 9
2 4 4 7

Medium = 38
3 5 8 9

Hard = 3
1 7 8 5

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

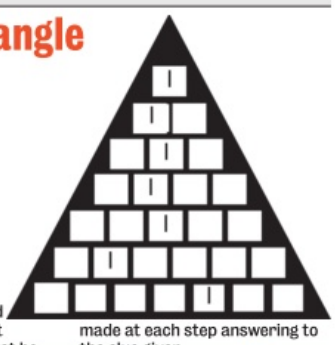
Differences: 1. Back of sofa is higher. 2. Man's thumb is moved. 3. Woman's thumb is showing. 4. Label on box is moved. 5. Flowers on hat are moved. 6. Picture on wall is reversed.

Riddler

I am a voice without a mouth, throat or lungs. I know no language but speak in all tongues. What am I?

Alpha triangle

1 Third vowel
2 Not out
3 Do wrong
4 Rackets
5 Derogatory
6 Walt
7 Mass per volume



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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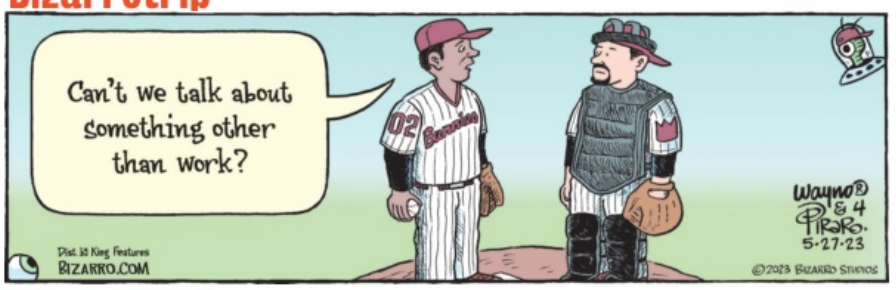

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

KEEP RUNNING.
JUST KEEP RUNNING.
DON'T. STOP. RUNNING.
DEAN! YOU CAN STOP RUNNING! YOU FINISHED THE MILE ALREADY!
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Crankshaft

WELL, IF YOU ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO READ A NEWSPAPER WHEN YOU'RE IN THE BATHROOM...
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Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today is a positive day for you. You may achieve success from your hard work on the professional front. You will have good focus and may complete your work ahead of time, which can improve your self-confidence. Additionally, expect a work-related short trip, which could be beneficial for expanding your network in the near future.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon, and as a result, you may expect to receive some inherited assets. On the work front, try to perform with patience as it can increase your efficiency. Be polite and considerate with the people around you. You might find that you need to put in less effort for your day-to-day tasks. Additionally, utilise your communication skills to attract new business opportunities and make progress in your work endeavours.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you are blessed by the moon, which may grant you patience. Though you might face some work-related stress externally, your inner sense may remain calm and cool, helping you to balance everything effectively. You will enjoy every moment in both your work and domestic life. Good news: your parents' health is now okay, and you may also hear some positive news from your siblings.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may feel unhappy, and some old health issues may resurface, leading to impatience. Be cautious about spending your hard-earned money on buying worthless items. It is advised to control your short temper and avoid unnecessary discussions, especially for love birds, as they may risk facing a potential breakup.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you are likely to enjoy both your domestic and professional life. You may become more polite with the people around you, which will help in the smooth completion of your work. Additionally, you may discover new sources of earnings, which will boost your savings. Consider planning for renovating your house or office. If you are working, there are chances of promotions for job natives.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may be busy on the work front, and with the blessings of your elders, you are likely to implement some new innovations in your work. You will maintain an ethical approach and follow rules in your dealings with the people around you, which will give you inner peace and strength.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may feel satisfied with your responsibilities at work. Consider planning for a short work-related trip. Additionally, visiting a religious place can help maintain inner peace and positivity. Your gurus or mentors may guide you on the right path, providing clarity regarding your goals.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may feel a bit dull. It is advised to keep your mind cool and remember the golden rule of thinking twice before any action. You might need to travel to recover your money. Additionally, it is advisable to avoid going on an adventure tour at this time. Students are advised to focus on in-depth study to achieve success in their endeavours. Furthermore, be cautious not to get too attracted to occult practices.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may feel good as family harmony brings you happiness. There is a possibility of meeting an influential person who could provide benefits on the work front. You are likely to perform well in your job, and as a result, expect some rewards in the form of promotions. Additionally, the disputes related to inherited property may finally settle down.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may find yourself in a state of self-analysis, which will boost your confidence. Your focus towards your goals is now clear, increasing your chances of achieving success. Your creativity is likely to improve, and you will develop an interest in artifacts, movies, glamour, and real-life objects. As the day ends, you may feel satisfied with your life. Moreover, your opponents may be under control now.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may encounter mixed situations around you. It is advised not to expect too much from anyone, as it may lead to disappointment. Take the day for self-exploration and self-analysis, allowing yourself to go through a process of filtering. After this filtration, you will feel more confident and better prepared to accept challenges.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may feel some negativity around you, which could make you upset. Your responsibilities might feel burdensome, and you could be in a hurry to complete tasks, leading to silly mistakes. Your working efficiency may slow down, impacting your day-to-day work, and possibly causing delays in your projects, affecting your professional life. You are advised to take advice from your elders or consultants, before taking any important decision.

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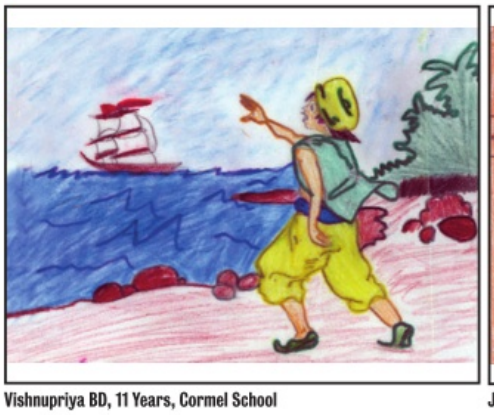

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BULL'S EYE
churn, nary, ranch, RAUNCHY, yarn

FAST FIVE

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SUDOKU

MENSA PUZZLE
DUMBSTRUCK

RIDDLER
An echo

QUOTE UNCODE
You teach best what you most need to learn.

ALPHA TRIANGLE
I, In, Sin, Dins, Snide, Disney, Density.

GO FIGURE
Easy
4 - 4 + 2 + 7 = 9
Medium
8 x 3 + 9 + 5 = 38
Hard
7 + 8 / 5 x 1 = 3

LOOP

KAKURO

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